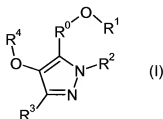


List of Claims

- (Previously presented) A compound of formula (I)



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or derivative thereof, wherein:

R⁰ is absent or C₁-C₆ alkylene;

R¹ is phenyl substituted by -SO₂R⁵, (C₁-C₆ alkylene)-SO₂R⁵, -SO₂CF₃, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-SO₂CF₃, -CO₂R⁵, -(C₀-C₆ alkylene)-CO₂R⁵, OCF₃, a five or six-membered aromatic heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom (said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by halo, oxo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂R⁵, -SO₂CF₃, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -OCF₃, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, fluoro(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl); or, when R⁰ is C₁-C₆ alkylene, R¹ may also be a five or six-membered aromatic heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by halo, oxo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -OR¹¹, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, R⁷ or R¹¹; said phenyl being optionally additionally substituted by halo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R² is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, R⁸ or R⁹, said C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -OR⁵, -OR¹⁰, -CN, -CO₂R⁷, -OCONR⁵R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -C(=NR⁵)NR⁵OR⁵, -CONR⁵NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁷R¹⁰, -NR⁵COR⁵, -NR⁵COR¹⁰, -NR⁵CO₂R⁵, -NR⁵CONR²R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂NR⁵R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹;

R^3 is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, -CN, -OR⁷, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹, said C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, -OR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -OCONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵CO₂R⁵, -NR⁵R⁸, -NR⁵COR⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹;

R^4 is phenyl, naphthyl or pyridyl, each being optionally substituted by R⁸, halo, -CN, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -CONR⁵R⁵, OR¹¹, SO₂R⁶, O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-CONR⁵R⁵, O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, or O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-OR⁶;

each R⁵ is independently either H, C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or, when two R⁵ groups are attached to the same nitrogen atom, those two groups taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent azetidiny, pyrrolidiny, piperidiny, homopiperidiny, piperaziny, homopiperaziny or morpholiny, said azetidiny, pyrrolidiny, piperidiny, homopiperidiny, piperaziny, homopiperaziny and morpholiny being optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

each R⁶ is independently either H, C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R⁸ is a five or six-membered, aromatic heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by halo, oxo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, fluoro(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R⁹ is a four to seven-membered, saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group containing (i) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 nitrogen heteroatom and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom, said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by oxo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, -SO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -COOR⁵, -CO-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-OR⁵ or -COR⁵ and optionally substituted on a carbon atom which is not adjacent to a heteroatom by halo, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵COR⁵, -NR⁵COOR⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵ or -CN;

R¹⁰ is C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted by R⁸, R⁹, -OR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵COR⁵ or -NR⁵R⁵;

R^{11} is phenyl optionally substituted by halo, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{COR}^5$, $-\text{CONR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{SO}_2\text{R}^5$, $-\text{OR}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6 \text{ alkylene})-\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, C_1-C_6 alkyl, halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl; and

x and y are independently 0, 1 or 2.

2. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, diluents or carriers.

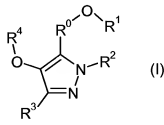
3. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2 comprising one or more additional therapeutic agents.

4-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A method of treating an HIV ~~or a genetically-related retroviral infection~~, or a resulting acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt~~[[,]]~~ or solvate ~~or derivative~~ thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2.

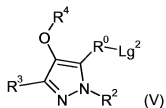
15. (Currently amended) A method of treating an HIV ~~or a genetically-related retroviral infection~~, or a resulting acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), comprising administering an effective amount of a ~~compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or derivative thereof~~, or a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3.

16. (Currently amended) A process for preparing the compound of formula (I)



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt[[,]] or solvate ~~or pharmaceutically acceptable derivative~~ thereof, which comprises:

(A) reaction of a compound of formula (V)

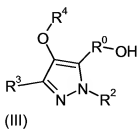


with an alcohol of formula (IV),



under conventional conditions; or

(B) reaction of an alcohol of formula (III)



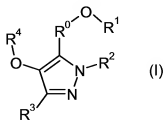
with a compound of formula (II),



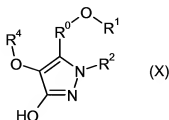
under conventional conditions; or

(C) reaction of a compound of formula (III) with an alcohol of formula (IV) under dehydrating conditions; or

(D) for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)



in which R³ is halo, halogenating a compound of formula (X)



under conventional conditions[;],

(E) — interconversion of a compound of formula (I) into another compound of formula (I); or

(F) — deprotecting a protected derivative of compound of formula (I); and

optionally converting a compound of formula (I) prepared by any one of processes (A) to (F) into pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or derivative thereof.

wherein:

each R⁰ is absent or C₁-C₈ alkylene;

each R¹ is phenyl substituted by -SO₂R⁵, (C₁-C₆ alkylene)-SO₂R⁵, -SO₂CF₃, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-SO₂CF₃, -CO₂R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-CO₂R⁵, OCF₃, a five or six-membered aromatic heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom (said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by halo, oxo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁶R⁵, -SO₂R⁵, -SO₂CF₃, -SO₂NR⁶R⁵, -NR⁶SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -OCF₃, -NR⁶R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁶R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, fluoro(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl); or, when R⁰ is C₁-C₈ alkylene, R¹ may also be a five or six-membered aromatic heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by halo, oxo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁶R⁵, -SO₂NR⁶R⁵, -NR⁶SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -OR¹¹, -NR⁶R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁶R⁵, R⁷ or R¹¹; said phenyl being optionally additionally substituted by halo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁶R⁵, -SO₂NR⁶R⁵, -NR⁶SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -NR⁶R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁶R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

each R² is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, R⁸ or R⁹, said C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -OR⁵, -OR¹⁰, -CN, -CO₂R⁷, -OCONR⁵R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -C(=NR⁵)NR⁵R⁵, -CONR⁵NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁶R⁶, -NR⁵R¹⁰, -NR⁵COR⁸, -NR⁵COR⁸, -NR⁵COR¹⁰, -NR⁵CO₂R⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂NR⁵R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹.

each R³ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, -CN, -OR⁷, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹, said C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, -OR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -OCONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵CO₂R⁵, -NR⁶R⁶, -NR⁵COR⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹.

each R⁴ is phenyl, naphthyl or pyridyl, each being optionally substituted by R⁸, halo, -CN, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -CONR⁵R⁵, OR¹¹, SO₂R⁶, O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-CONR⁵R⁵, O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, or O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-OR⁶.

each R⁵ is independently either H, C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or, when two R⁵ groups are attached to the same nitrogen atom, those two groups taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent azetidiny, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl or morpholinyl, said azetidiny, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl and morpholinyl being optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

each R⁶ is independently either H, C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

each R⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

each R⁸ is a five or six-membered, aromatic heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by halo, oxo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -NR⁶R⁶, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, fluoro(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

each R⁹ is a four to seven-membered, saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group containing (i) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 nitrogen heteroatom and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom, said heterocyclic group being optionally

substituted by oxo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, -SO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -COOR⁵, -CO-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-OR⁵ or -COR⁵ and optionally substituted on a carbon atom which is not adjacent to a heteroatom by halo, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵COR⁵, -NR⁵COOR⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵ or -CN;

each R¹⁰ is C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted by R⁸, R⁹, -OR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵COR⁵ or -NR⁵R⁵,

each R¹¹ is phenyl optionally substituted by halo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

x and y are independently 0, 1 or 2;

Lg is sulphonyl chloride; and

Lg² is a sulphonic ester group.

17. (Cancelled)